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6. The UNHCR official reviewed the status of disappeared Uruguayans as follows: Of some 80 Uruguayans disappeared in Argentina in 1976, about 36 later turned up in Uruguayan jails. Of these 11 were given conditional liberty. One of them, a woman, disappeared in Uruguay in October and subsequently nine of the others secretly escaped to a neighboring country where they are under UNHCR protection and being resettled abroad. (Please hold this information closely.) One remains in Uruguay where he apparently considers himself safe. The illegal departure of the nine ~~have~~ <sup>has</sup> dashed hopes of the remaining 25 who had hoped to be released under conditional liberty by the year's end. UNHCR has records of another 50 Uruguayans disappeared in Argentina in 1977-78, the last case being of four persons who disappeared in August, 1978. Of these 50 some five have reappeared

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in Argentine jails, the whereabouts of the rest remain unknown. The FOWG recently replied to an Embassy inquiry on Uruguayan disappearances in Argentina to the effect that GOA has no record of their detention. (See Reftels B and C.) One known exception is that of one Hugo Mendez, whom the Argentines identified as an Argentine citizen, currently under PEN detention. Mendez was reportedly one of the Uruguayans who disappeared with a group in 1976.

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